



POSTINGS

Newsletter of American Legion Young-Budd Post 171, Westerville, Ohio

April 2019

Commander's Notes:

We had a good turn out for the Spring Dinner March 9th and everyone had a good time socializing. Ann Williams put on an excellent patriotic program assisted by the golden tones of our own John Robbins leading the singing. Dan Latiolais agreed to lead "God Bless America" provided Steve Romeo would join him, well --- Steve wasn't game so we all joined in. Reserve the date now for our annual Veterans' Day and First Responder Recognition Dinner on November 9th; we have invited a very special guest speaker for the evening.

Officer nominations for the 2019-2020 Legion Year will take place in April with elections in May and installation in June. Officers being elected are: Commander, Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Post Historian, Post Service Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms and Trustees. Our current Service Officer, Tim Dickerson, has expressed the desire to give up his position and our Chaplain Dan Latiolais has likewise indicated the wish to step down. Anyone interested in any of the challenging but rewarding officer positions please contact one of the current officers or trustees for information on the duties and let us know you want to place your hat in the ring.

Past Commander Peter Otteson is spearheading the preparations for our next major function which is the Memorial Day Parade, Wreath Laying and Honors at the various cemeteries in the Westerville area. As in past years we will follow the formal events with a potluck cookout at the post.

One final but very important note, Jean Evans, wife of Trustee Sonny Evans and mother of Auxiliary President Kim Mann has been having some medical issues so please keep the Evans family in your prayers.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

—John R. McElhaney, Commander

News You Can Use:

New Webpage Explains the VA Waiver, Retired Pay, CRDP and CRSC

Many military retirees who are eligible for DoD retired pay are also eligible for VA disability pay. The laws and regulations that apply when a retiree is eligible for both types of pay are complex and can be confusing, so we created a new webpage that explains the basics of the VA waiver, and the relationship between VA disability pay, retired pay, Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) and Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC).

The law requires that a military retiree waive a portion of their gross DoD retired pay, dollar for dollar, by the amount of their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation pay; this is known as the VA waiver (or VA offset). The new webpage provides an overview of how the VA waiver works. It also summarizes the two programs created by Congress to allow eligible military retirees to recover some or all of the retired pay that retirees waive for VA disability pay: CRDP and CRSC.

In addition, the webpage also explains the impact on retired pay, CRDP and CRSC when a VA disability rating changes, as well as how retroactive disability rating changes might result in a retired pay or CRDP/CRSC Processing (CCP) debt.

We hope this webpage will help retirees better understand how these programs interact.

The webpage is under the “Disability Entitlements” section of the Retired Military & Annuitants area of the DFAS.mil website at:

<https://go.usa.gov/xEMry>

MINUTES: Below are the minutes from last month’s meeting. Please read them and offer any corrections to the Adjutant prior to the call for approval at the 3 April 2019 meeting.

Membership Meeting Minutes, 6 Mar 2019

- Called to order by Commander John McElhaney at 1900 with customary ceremonies.
- Resolution 288 for 67th National Convention read aloud by Mike Boone.
- Meeting resumed: Quorum declared by Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Laidley. Motion forwarded by Glen Golden and seconded by Jack Cashman to approve the Mar 2019 minutes. The members voted, approved and the minutes are published online.
- Introduced Steve Scruggs who served in the Army as a MSG and a Vietnam Veteran. He transferred from West Virginia.
- Commander recognized past Commanders in attendance: Fred Winckelman, Mike Pete Otteson, Steve Romeo and Tom Poulton.
- Tom Poulton, 12th District 2nd Vice Commander, stated that he was representing the 12th District at tonight’s meeting. He gave an overview of the American Legion and 12th District. He stated that the American Legion is the largest Veteran organization in the world with over 2 million members.

Committee reports:

- Finance - Flo Evans not present. Report passed out.
- Membership – Chuck Hurley reported no change to renewal rate. We are at 96% of renewal goal. 212 of 222 members have renewed.
- Building – Tom Poulton discussed needing up to \$500 to repair the front door. It is critical for security. Bill Laidley forwarded the motion to approve up to \$500. Bob Nocks seconded the motion. The members voted and approved. Tom Poulton discussed the options to handle the shelter that used to host the Lions Club Chicken Barbecue. The shelter was built in 1985, is leaning, not aesthetically appealing and would need to be repaired to ensure the structural soundness. Several members asked questions and there was a thorough discussion. Tom Polton forwarded the motion approve \$3,000 to tear down the shelter. Dave Bergman seconded the motion. The members voted and approved the motion.
- Rental - Mark Eucker stated no report.
- Americanism - Glen Golden reported 12th District Americanism Awards will be held in Bexley.
- Service Officer - Tim Dickerson no report.
- Adjutant - David Troutman posted the Feb 2019 minutes and newsletter.

Unfinished Business:

- Commander discussed coverage plan for Westerville 4th Fridays. We will cover every other month with the VFW covering the months in between. We will tentatively start in April and will cover 3 months.

New Business:

- Commander announced if anyone wants to run for office to please let a current officer know. The slate will be presented in April and the membership will vote in May.
- Tim Dickerson announced he is stepping down as Service Officer. He gave an overview of the position and will train his replacement.
- Sonny Evans thanked Glen Golden for his great work on Americanism.
- Commander announced that we need a volunteer to coordinate the Memorial Day March. Some key duties include securing permits and the high school bands. Pete Otteson has already coordinated the transportation and volunteered to take the lead for the event.

Good of the Legion announcements:

- Commander announced the 2019 Westerville Veterans Day Breakfast will be held at our post due to construction at the Community Center.
- The National Veterans Museum in Columbus has a plaque about the American Legion. Recommend seeing it if you visit.
- Pete Otteson discussed the Westerville Military Banner program and handed out the applications and policy. They are displayed in Uptown and given to the individual after they are displayed.
- Jack Cashman discussed his recent health diagnosis and stated he is pulling back on some things.
- Glen Golden thanked his eleven Americanism committee members.
- Chris Curry announced the passing of VFW member Ralph Smith's son in January 2019.
- Commander announced that doors will open at 1800 and dinner will begin at 1830 for the 9 Mar 2019 dinner at the Post

Meeting adjourned at 1951 – *Respectfully submitted, David Troutman, Adjutant*

Meetings and Events Calendar

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, all American Legion Post 171 meetings and events are at the Post Hall at 393 E. College Ave., Westerville, Ohio 43081. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7883 also meets at the Post Hall.

- 3 Apr 2019: Post Meeting at 1900
- 17 April 2019: Veterans Breakfast at the Post from 0900 until complete
- 18-21 Jul 2019: The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall at the Marion Community Credit Union
- 9 Nov 2019: Combined Veterans Day Dinner Honoring Police and Fire and Post 171 100th Anniversary at Post 171 Facility

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